LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Arms Regulation.

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Letter No. Per. 66, dated 10th April 1926, from the Inspector-General of Police, submitting a report on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the rules framed thereunder, for the Calendar year 1925.

ORDER No. P. 5590-99—POLICE 193-25-2, DATED 1ST MAY 1926.

Recorded.

2. The inspection of shops continued to be unsatisfactory in the Shimoga District, as many as 17 shops having been left uninspected during the year. The District Magistrate, Shimoga, is requested to see that all the shops in the District are inspected in the current year.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.

ANNEXURE.

No. Per 66-E—4, Pol. 193-25-1, dated the 10th April 1926, from P. F. Bowring, Esq., J.P., Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore City, to B. Nagappa, Esq., Bar-at-Law, Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Local and Legislative Departments.

I have the honor to report as follows on the working of the Mysore Arms Regulation, and the rules framed thereunder for the Calendar year 1925.

2. The attached statement No. I gives the total number and description of licenses issued during the year under the various forms as compared with those of the preceding year. It is seen therefrom that a total of 20,950 licenses were issued during the year, as against 20,766 in the previous year, showing a net increase of 184 licenses.

The increase is mostly under Forms IV and VII, and is in the Districts of Bangalore, Tumkur, Hassan and Shimoga the largest increase, *viz.*, 317 is in the Tumkur District, next come Hassan, Bangalore and Shimoga with 278, 172 and 156 respectively. But in Form VI, there is a large decrease of 263 licenses and is in the Districts of Kolar and Kadur, the former alone being responsible for as many as 255 licenses.

3. Statement No. II appended gives the number of licensed dealers in sulphur, their stock and the purposes for which sulphur was chiefly used during the year.

One hundred and ten persons were licensed to deal in sulphur as against 114 in the previous year. The stock of sulphur on hand with these dealers at the beginning of the year was 10 tons, 17 cwts. and 16½ lbs. or 1 cwt. 3 qrs. and 13⅜ lbs. less than the closing balance on the 31st December 1924. Sulphur is reported to have been issued for the preparation of fire works and medicines.

4. No. III Statement furnishes the number of shops licensed in Forms II and III, and the result of their inspection by the Police and Magistracy. The total number of shops licensed during both the years 1925 and 1924 was the same, *viz.*, 143. Of these, Police Inspectors inspected 72 shops, Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Police 84, and Magistrates 82, and the total number of shops left wholly uninspected during the year was 18 as against 29 in the year previous.

The inspection during the year is comparatively better than that of the previous year.

5. During the year under report, 51 persons were prosecuted in 52 cases including cases and persons pending at the beginning of the year, for violation of the provisions of the Mysore Arms Regulation and the Rules framed thereunder. Of these, 41 persons in as many cases were convicted, six cases involving six persons ended in acquittal or discharge, and the remaining five cases were pending at the close of the year.

6. Neither arms nor ammunition were manufactured in any of the Districts except Bangalore, where eight arms are reported to have been manufactured during the year.

7. The delay in the submission of this report is due to the non-receipt in time of the District reports, which were received in this office on the dates noted in the margin with incomplete information in some instances.

1. Bangalore, 24th February 1926
2. Kolar, 21st March 1926
3. Tumkur, 10th March 1926
4. Mysore, 15th March 1926
5. Hassan, 11th March 1926
6. Shimoga, 6th March 1926
7. Kadur, 10th February 1926
8. Chitaldrug, 7th March 1926